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SUBJ MTN: BREAKING OF TNC IMPASSE

SUMMARY: MEETING OF MTN KEY DELEGATIONS (SEVEN AND SEVEN) MADE CONCRETE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING TNC IMPASSE. GENERAL CONSENSUS ATTAINED DURING JANUARY 21 MEETING TNC SHOULD MEET ON FEBRUARY 7 TO APPROVE WORK PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE FOR NEXT STAGE OF MTN BEGINNING WITH FEBRUARY 18 MEETING OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS SUBGROUP FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS ON AGRICULTURE, NTB AND TARIFFS AT ONE WEEK INTERVALS THEREAFTER. GROUP FOUND PROPOSED EC UNILATERAL EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURE BALANCED AND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. WORK PROGRAM GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, BUT SOME COUNTRIES PROPOSED RELATIVELY MINOR CHANGES. ALL AGREED ON OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF PROCEEDING WITH WORK ON TNC AND THAT ANY PROPOSED CHANGES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PERMITTED TO CAUSE DELAY. END SUMMARY.

1. EC REP (HIJZEN) EXPLAINED PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM TO SEVEN AND SEVEN MEETING. SIXTEEN TASKS IN WORK PROGRAM WERE ALLOTTED AMONG FOUR SUBGROUPS SET UP WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE CORRESPONDING TO SUBPARAGRAPHS 3A (TARIFFS), 3C (NTBS), 3E(AGRICULTURE) AND 3F (TROPICAL PRODUCTS) OF TOKYO DECLARATION. LIST OF TOPICS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS CAN BE ADDED AS APPROPRIATE.

2. IN DESCRIBING UNILATERAL STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURE TO BE MADE BY EC REP AFTER WORK PROGRAM APPROVED, HIJZEN SAID IT WAS DESIGNED TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND ALLOW WORK TO BEGIN. HE HOPED OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD NOT COMMENT ON STATEMENT AS THIS COULD UNLEASH UNPRODUCTIVE DEBATE. AMBASSADOR MALMGREN EXPLAINED U.S. RELUCTANTLY COULD LIVE WITH EC STATEMENT COUPLED WITH CHAIRMAN'S INTERVENTION. NO PARTICIPANT AT MEETING INDICATED THEY WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ALLOWING UNILATERAL EC STATEMENT.

3. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO SPOKE AT MEETING GENERALLY WANTED WORK TO BEGIN WITHOUT DELAY AND BELIEVED EC PROGRAM OFFERED GOOD BASIS FOR WORK PROGRAM. THEY BELIEVED MODIFICATIONS THAT WERE PROPOSED SHOULD NOT CAUSE DELAY. SOME PARTICIPANTS WERE UNINSTRUCTED AND WERE LIMITED TO PERSONAL VIEWS.

4. CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN CONSULTING WITH MTN PARTICIPANTS NOT REPRESENTED IN STEERING GROUP. HE  
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URGED ALL DELEGATIONS TO REACT QUICKLY TO EC PROPOSALS AND SUBMIT ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGES TO SECRETARIAT IN WRITING IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED BEFORE TNC MEETING SINCE TNC TOO LARGE AND UNWIELDY TO PERMIT EFFICIENT DISCUSSION ON DETAILS AT MEETING. MENTIONED POSSIBILITY ANOTHER SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING IF NECESSARY.

5. SOME MEMBERS SHOWED MINOR IRRITATION OVER FACT AGREEMENT ON WORK PROGRAM AND UNILATERAL STATEMENT MADE EXCLUSIVELY

BETWEEN U.S. AND EC.

6. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED WORK BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TNC;  
TO DEMONSTRATE IMPORTANCE TNC ATTACHES TO LDC INTEREST, HE  
PROPOSED 3F SUBGROUP MEET FEBRUARY 18 FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS  
OF 3E (FEBRUARY 25), 3B (MARCH 4) AND 3A (MARCH 11).

7. ON QUESTION OF SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN, MALMGREN SUPPORTED  
BY HIJZEN SUGGESTED, THAT DURING INITIAL STAGES, SECRETARIAT SHOULD  
PROVIDE THEM. EVENTUALLY WHEN MORE PEOPLE ARRIVE IN GENEVA,  
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND APPROPRIATE NATIONAL CHAIRMEN.  
CHAIRMEN SHOULD NOT BE CHOSEN ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATION (SUCH  
AS WHETHER THEY COME FROM BIG OR SMALL COUNTRY) BUT SHOULD  
BE MEN OF TALENT AND EXPERIENCE, WHO ARE RESIDENT IN GENEVA.

8. PRINCIPLE PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION IN WORK PROGRAM  
WITH EC REACTIONS FOLLOW:

A) CANADA, NORDICS AND MALAYSIA: INSTEAD OF SIMPLY  
CLARIFYING BASIC ELEMENTS, NEXT STAGE SHOULD IDENTIFY AND  
ELABORATE POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS. EC REACTION:  
PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE.

B) CANADA AND AUSTRALIA: EXAMINE APPLICABILITY TO AGRICULTURE  
OF A DRAFT CODE ON STANDARDS SIMILAR TO INDUSTRIAL CODE WORKED  
OUT BY CTIP. EC REACTION: PACKAGING AND SANITARY AND PHYTO  
SANITARY REGULATIONS BEING CONSIDERED IN GROUPS 3B AND 3E  
RESPECTIVELY AND COVER ALL IN STANDARDS WORK, WHICH CAN USEFULLY  
BE DONE IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD.

C) CANADA: ADD ITEM ON INTERNAL AIDS AND DELAY WORK ON  
COUNTERVAILING UNTIL LATTER PART OF FIRST STAGE. EC REACTION:  
WILL CONSIDER IF CANADA SUBMITS WRITTEN PROPOSALS.

D) AUSTRALIA AND CANADA: BEGIN STUDY IN COMMITTEE  
3E OF AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF WORK PROVIDED IN PARAS 8 AND 9  
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OF EC PROPOSAL (EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND RESTRAINTS, QRS).  
EC REACTION: AG COMMITTEE CARRIED OUT WORK ON THESE AND  
MANY OTHER AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS DURING PREPARATORY PHASE.  
PROGRAM OF WORK CALLS FOR ALL OF THIS WORK TO BE UPDATED.  
HENCE SPECIFIC PARTS OF AG COMMITTEE'S WORK NEED NOT RPT NOT  
BE MENTIONED SEPARATELY IN PROGRAM OF WORK.  
E) MALAYSIA, BRAZIL AND MEXICO: SINGLE REFERENCE IN  
EC WORK PROGRAM TO LDCS SHOULD BE EXPANDED AND CLARIFIED TO  
REFLECT ALL ELEMENTS OF TOKYO DECLARATION STATEMENTS ON PLACE  
OF LDCS IN MTN. WORK PROGRAM SHOULD MENTION TROPICAL  
PRODUCTS IS A PRIORITY SECTOR AND EC UNILATERAL STATEMENT SHOULD  
NOT RULE OUT ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE TROPICAL PRODUCT GROUP.  
EC REACTION: COULD CONSIDER AMPLIFYING COMMENTS ON LDCS IN WORK  
PROGRAM IF SUBMITTED IN WRITING BUT DO NOT BELIEVE NEED TO RESTATE  
WHAT IS IN TOKYO DECLARATION.

9. IN SEPARATE US-EC-JAPAN DISCUSSION, KITAHARA (JAPAN) STATED

THAT IN VIEW OF CURRENT CRITICAL SITUATION RESULTING FROM ENERGY  
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